

FRUITPORT CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2014

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A work session of the Fruitport Charter Township Board began at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014, in the township board room.

Members Present: Brian Werschem, Supervisor; Carol Hulka, Clerk; Rose Dillon, Treasurer; Trustees Ron Becklin, Dave Markgraf, Marjorie Nash, and Chuck Whitlow. Members Absent: None

At 7:24 p.m., Supervisor Werschem opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed with a prayer.

Also Present: 1— resident; 3— employees; Public Safety Director, Doctor; DPW Director, Farrar; and

1-guest, Muskegon County Clerk, Waters

The February 24, 2014 meeting minutes—regular meeting—were approved as presented.

The March 10, 2014 meeting agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Waters, Muskegon County Clerk, passed out 2014 Muskegon County Directories to board members.

CORRESPONDENCE / REPORTS

1) The Muskegon Area District Library proclaims March 2014 as Michigan Reading Month encouraging all residents of the County of Muskegon and across the State of Michigan to actively participate in the literary services and activities offered to its residents.

2) Michigan Townships Association (MTA) legislative up-dates

3) West Michigan Regional Water Authority March 5, 2014 special meeting up-date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14-032 Township Hall Project Update

The next step will be painting, then floor covering and lighting.

14-033 2014-2015 Budget Update

The Supervisor reported that because the move into the new township hall may be sooner than planned, he needed to revise the following budget line items under building and grounds-cleaning service, electricity, and gas heat.

NEW BUSINESS

14-034 Budget Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

(A.) Dave Markgraf **moved**, Carol Hulka seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to open the Truth in Taxation hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Ayes: Markgraf, Hulka, Dillon, Nash, Becklin, Whitlow, Werschem Nays: None

(B.) Public Hearing: The Supervisor announced the proposed millage rates as follows: General Fund at the millage rate of .9965, Public Safety at 1.50 mills, Police at 1.00 mills and street lighting reduced to. 45 mills.

No further discussion was heard.

Budget adoption of the 2014-2015 township budgets will be done at the next meeting on March 24, 2014.

(C.) The motion by Rose Dillon, seconded by Ron Becklin, was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to close the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and return to open session.

14-035 Firefighters Association I.A.F.F. Local #2352 Union Contract

Chuck Whitlow moved, Ron Becklin seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Fruitport Township Firefighters Association I.A.F.E. Local #2352 Union Contract, dated April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2018, with all minor changes mutually agreed upon during work session.

Ayes: Whitlow, Becklin, Nash, Dillon, Hulka, Markgraf, Werschem Nays: None

14-036 Fruitport Township Police Officers Union Contract

Dave Markgraf moved, Marjorie Nash seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Fruitport Township Police Officers Union Contract, dated April 1, 2014 – March 32, 2018, with all minor changes mutually agreed upon during work session.

Ayes: Markgraf, Nash, Dillon, Hulka, Whitlow, Becklin, Werschem Nays: None

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□ 14-037 Service Employees International Union Local 517M Union Contract

Rose Dillon moved, Ron Becklin seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to adopt the Fruitport Township Service Employees International Union Local 517M Union Contract, dated April 1,

2014 – March 31, 2018, with all minor changes mutually agreed upon during work session.

Ayes: Dillon, Becklin, Hulka, Whitlow, Markgraf, Nash, Werschem Nays: None

14-038 Public Utility Director Review

Chuck Whitlow moved, seconded by Ron Becklin, **MOTION CARRIED**, to increase the salary of DPW Director, Matt Farrar, by 2% and extend his contract for one year as provided within his contract.

Ayes: Whitlow, Becklin, Hulka, Nash, Markgraf, Dillon, Werschem Nays: None

14-039 Alternate to the Construction Board of Appeals

The motion by Chuck Whitlow, seconded by Dave Markgraf, was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to concur with Supervisor Werschem's appoint of Major Metcalf as alternate to the Construction Board of Appeals.

14-040 Payment of Bills

Marjorie Nash moved, Carol Hulka seconded, **MOTION CARRIED**, to approve bills for payment in the following amounts: General Fund & Parks: \$41,912.41; Public Safety \$20,908.54; Water: \$15,714.85; Sewer: \$7,584.80 Total: \$86,120.60

Ayes: Nash, Hulka, Markgraf, Whitlow, Becklin, Dillon, Werschem Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS #2 – None received

ADDITIONAL REPORTS -- None received

14-041 Meeting Adjourned

The motion by Chuck Whitlow, seconded by Dave Markgraf, was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

CAROL HULKA, CLERK

BRIAN WERSCHEM, SUPERVISOR

